(b) The projected customs duty on import of crude oil and refined petroleum products for the year 2002-2003 is Rs. 7530 crore.

(c) There is a provision of Rs. 4495.80 crore in the budget estimates of 2002-03 on account of subsidy on domestic LPG and PDS kerosene.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Sale of AI property in Mauritius

4953. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the residential property owned by Air India in Mauritius is being sold;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the plan to invest the amount received from the above deal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) The company has been incurring approximately Rs. 2.06 lakhs per annum on the maintenance of this property. Also the entire property is in a dilapidated condition which would involve major repairs at the cost of Rs. 4.29 lakhs. Hence it was felt that this is not required for functionalities of a manager of an offline station. Air India has, therefore, recommended that it would be in the company's interest to sell the property. The sale proceeds of the Mauritius property will be used for the working capital requirements of the company.

Compensation to off loaded passengers by AI

4954. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India gives compensation to passengers off loaded from US bound flights;

(b) whether similar compensation is not offered by Air India to travellers off loaded from flights bound for other destinations;

(c) whether some foreign airlines do pay such amount in small sums and some even don't pay;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to remove the anomaly?